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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
STUELPNAGEL, *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1637
Application Number: 09/642,068) Examiner: STRZELECKA, Teresa E.
Filed: August 18, 2000)
For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS)
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action in the above-identified case mailed on December 2, 2003. This response is filed prior to or on the extended deadline of May 2, 2004. This response is filed with a petition for a 2-month extension of time and requisite fee. It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our File: A-68364-1/RMS/DCF [469249-170]).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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